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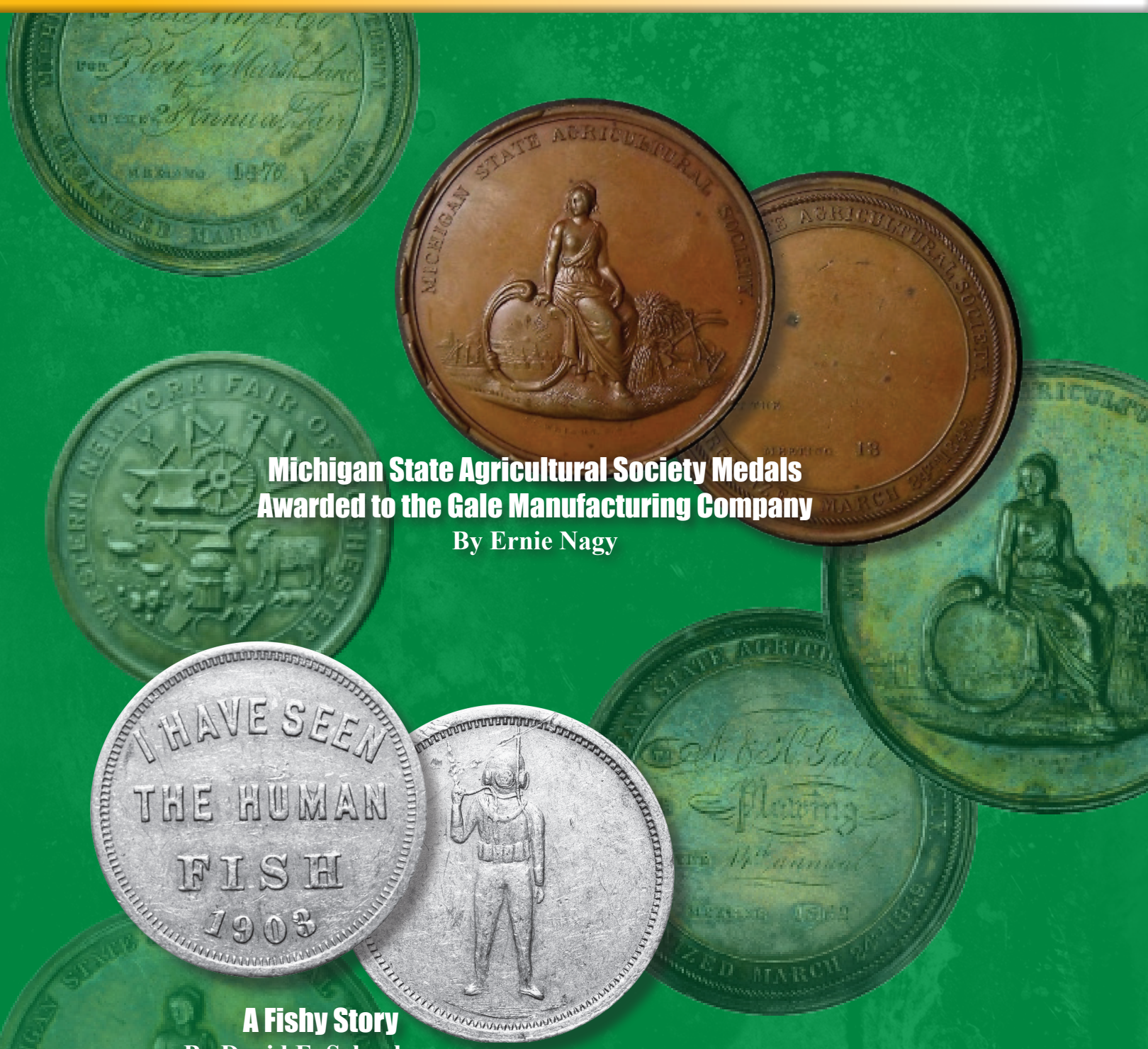


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If Civil War tokens are new to you, go to the Civil War Token Society website and order a copy of the (relatively) new hardbound color-illustrated third edition of *United States Civil War Store Cards*, edited by John Ostendorf, who spent years gathering information about rarity, history, and more. I wrote the front part that tells of the history of collecting. The 6th edition of *United States Patriotic Civil War Tokens* by George and Melvin Fuld is now in the process of production and should be available on the CWTS website in a month or two.

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I was a founder of the Token and Medal Society, as here, and also the Civil War Token Society and have given many programs and written many articles for each. Many of us belong to both groups, as the two are interrelated.

For your possible further interest check the Whitman Publishing LLC website and you will find my *Guide Book of Hard Times Tokens* and *Guide Book of Civil War Tokens* plus a book I co-authored with Katherine Jaeger (a descendant of famous diecutter George H. Lovett), *The 100 Greatest American Medals and Tokens*. Each title has been a best seller for Whitman.

In the meantime, e-mail me to request my Civil War token list and I'll send the latest version. If I have your name already, you are all set. If not, I think you will enjoy the list and may find some items of special interest.

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# Michigan State Agricultural Society Medals Awarded to the Gale Manufacturing Company

**By Ernie Nagy**

I do not expect to ever discover anything as incredible as the New York Subway Hoard, or a cask of uncirculated large cents. This is the story of what I was fortunate enough to come upon.

It was Thanksgiving dinner in 2005 and my family was discussing the early hour at which they would be in line for "Black Friday" sales in the morning. I explained that I would not be joining them; the only line I would be in was the one which forms before the Michigan State Numismatic Society Fall Convention which opened at 10. My mother-in law casually mentioned that she would have to give me some "coins" which had passed down from Gale through the family. My wife's grandfather and then father had been the presidents of the Gale Manufacturing Company of Albion, Michigan from 1935 when Burnett Abbott purchased the company until it closed in 1968. What kind of coins; what did they look like; how big were they, I asked. She wasn't sure.

After my wife, Mary Lou, returned from a visit to her mother, she brought with her ten loose medals in a single manila envelope. All were awarded to the Gale Manufacturing Company or its predecessors. One look at them and I knew they were amazing. I did not know what they were exactly, but they were big and beautiful with engraving from the mid nineteenth century. Nothing in my small numismatic library or my initial internet searches answered my questions.

This was to be a challenging investigation. There were a couple of pieces of information I was able to determine. First, the award was given by the Michigan State Agricultural Society, the institution that founded what is today Michigan State University in 1855, my alma mater. In addition, the designer mark on the obverse – CC Wright D. & F. – was that of renowned nineteenth century medalist Charles Cushing Wright. The letters D. & F. are abbreviations for *delineavit* ("designed it") and *fecit* ("made it").

An unawarded bronze Michigan State Agricultural Society Medal, Julian AM-45. The medal pictured here was subsequently acquired and not in the original family collection.

Obv.: **MICHIGAN STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.**; Ceres, seated, surrounded by agricultural goods and tools, holding shield with town scene; port scene in background; **C C WRIGHT D. & F.** in exergue.

Rev.: **MICHIGAN STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.** / **ORGANIZED MARCH 24TH 1849.**; in center: **TO** / **FOR** / **AT THE** / **MEETING 18** (space for engraving).

One person to whom I showed the medals directed me to Robert W Julian's catalog, *Medals of the United States Mint*, where an example is pictured and assigned catalog number of AM 45. Julian's book indicates that there were 663 examples of this medal struck in silver by the Philadelphia mint. In 1860, the first year of production, the output was 30, then peaked at 79 in 1873, and dwindled to five in 1882 and just three in 1884. A total of six gold medals of this design were produced in 1865, 1867, and 1873. Six bronze medals were struck, all in 1879. Julian notes that it is probable that some medals were struck outside the mint prior to 1860.

On the obverse of these medallions is the inscription MICHIGAN STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY above a woman seated on a shield bearing a view of a port. There are articles of agriculture and commerce in the background, as described by Julian. The female figure on these medals is Ceres the Roman goddess of agriculture, grain, and fertility, a common element of many agricultural medals. The word *cereal* derives from the name of this goddess. The statue of Ceres pictured here is an eighteenth-century interpretation by French sculptor Augustin Pajou currently at the Louvre and would have been familiar to an artist of Wright's caliber. The medals were awarded at the society's annual meeting at the Michigan State Fair.

Charles Cushing Wright's medallic work includes an 1820 medal of Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, for which Wright has been credited as "the first artist in this country who engraved medal likenesses (from a sitting model) on steel."[1] His Zachary Taylor, California gold medal, struck on July 4, 1849 has garnered mid six figures at auction. The second edition of the Andrew Harkness book, *Agricultural and Mechanical Society Award Medals of the United States*, catalogs four agricultural medals attributable to Wright.

Model for a statuette of Ceres sculpted c. 1768-1770 by Augustin Pajou, currently in the Louvre, Paris.

*(The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York)*

The reverse of these medals names the person or company who earned it, the achievement or object for which the medal was awarded, and the year in which it was won. The recipients of these awards were the first A&H Gale, (brothers Augustus and Horatio); then O. C. Gale and company, (Orlando Charles) was the older brother of Augustus and Horatio; and finally, the Gale Manufacturing Company.

The Gales were manufacturing pioneers in what was then the wilderness of south-central Michigan. *The History of Hillsdale County* reports that in order to begin the manufacture of plows, George Gale and his son Orlando Charles melted "…[t]he iron with which the first cupola (furnace) was built in a three-pail kettle, a hand-bellows being used with which to fan the fire."[2] Operating in the village of Moscow, Michigan before the benefit of railroads, the History of Calhoun County records in a biography of Orlando Charles Gale that he "…drove to Mishawaka, Indiana, one hundred and fifty miles distant, for his pig iron and to Toledo, seventy-five miles, for his coal."[3]

George Gale went to California to seek his fortune in 1851, leaving Orlando Charles to run the business himself for several years. He later relocated to Jonesville where he took on his brother Augustus as a partner. Then in 1861, Orlando Charles moved to Albion, Michigan to again work with his father who had by then returned from his California expedition and was running a hardware business. Augustus remained in Jonesville and took on as his younger brother Horatio as his partner.[4]

It was the Jonesville firm of A & H Gale which earned the 1862 Michigan State Agricultural Society award for plowing, the earliest medal in this collection. The September 22, 1862 *Detroit Free Press* published a list of premiums awarded at the 14th Annual State Agricultural Fair. Nineteen entrants were recognized in the Division D Class 1 Plowing Match and Implements.[5] Awards in the class consisted of diplomas discretionary premiums, cash and a single medal won by A & H Gale. These medals were not door prizes, they were judiciously awarded to a select few. Of the 19 recognitions, the Gale brothers earned six different premiums, twice that of the second most successful competitor.

1 *The E-Sylum,* Vol. 8 No. 29 Article 11, July 10, 2005. https://www.coinbooks.org/esylum_v08n29a11.html

2 *History of Hillsdale County, Michigan: Illustrated and Biographical Sketches of Some of Its Prominent Men and Pioneers*, pp. 247-248.

3 Gardner, Washington, *History of Calhoun County, Michigan: A Narrative Account of Its Historical Progress, Its People, and Its Principal Interests*, pp. 1323-1326.

4 Ibid., pp. 1323-1326.

5 *Detroit Free Press*, September 27, 1862, p. 4.

| The Migration of the Gale family and the predecessors of the Gale Manufacturing Company. **Bold font corresponds to names appearing on the medals.** | |
|---|---|
| 1836 | George Gale brings his family from New York State to Moscow, Michigan. |
| 1843 | Orlando Charles (O. C. ) enters into partnership with his father George and the began the manufacture of plows. |
| 1851 | George Gale goes to California, leaving O. C. to run the business. |
| 1853 | O. C. moves his business and family to Jonesville, Michigan. |
| 1856 | O. C. partners with his brother Augustus, and the firm changed its name to O. C. & A. J. Gale. |
| 1856 | George Gale returns from California and establishes a hardware business in Albion, Michigan |
| 1861 | O. C. sold his interest in the Jonesville firm to his brother Horatio. The Business would be known as **A & H Gale.** |
| 1861 | O. C moved to Albion, buying out the hardware business established by his father George. |
| 1864 | A. J. and Horatio sold Jonesville factory and entered into a partnership with O. C. Gale, starting a factory known as **O. C. Gale & Company.** |
| 1873 | The **Gale Manufacturing Company** was formed with a paid-up capital of fifty-eight thousand dollars. Increased means gave augmented business, and seven hundred chilled plows and one thousand rakes were made. |

Silver medal, 58 mm., 59.1 g. The reverse reads: MICHIGAN STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY ORGANIZED MARCH 24, 1849 / TO A & H GALE / FOR PLOWING / AT THE 14th ANNUAL / MEETING 1862

The image below of a lithograph depicting Augustus Gale at the World Field Trials held in Paris, France on June 29, 1878 depicts a "Plowing Match." This picture was passed down through my wife's family along with the Michigan State Agricultural Society medals. Gale won the Gold Medal in Paris, besting 187 other plows. If that gold medal has survived, its whereabouts is unknown.

The *Southern Review*, Volume 26, No. 51 published in July 1879 contained an appendix with the Gale Chilled Plow advertisement containing what I will term a "box score" from an April 30, 1879 plowing competition. This is likely similar to the contest for which A & H Gale were awarded a silver medal back at the 1862 meeting of the Michigan State Agricultural Society. The scoring documents the amount of force as measured with a dynamometer, to draft an average of 100 cubic inches. The winner was the plow requiring the least force. The competition was witnessed by four judges who signed the scorecard.

*Southern Review Advertiser.*

# THE GALE CHILLED PLOW.

Now in the hands of 150,000 farmers in different parts of the United States, has so universally come off conquerer in the thousand trials it has been subjected to, that its friends have named it the KING.

One hundred and eighty-seven other plows competed with it for the Grand Gold Medal at the Paris Exposition, which the Grand Jury were pleased to decide should be awarded to the Gale Manufacturing Company, of Albion, Michigan. The following brief testimonials are all this space will permit:

Read what Western Virginia thinks of the World Famed Plow:

*Wheeling, West Virginia, April 30th, 1879.*

GALE MANUFACTURING CO., Albion, Mich.,

*Gentlemen.*—How is this? At a plow trial yesterday, (29th inst.) on the farm of Mr. John Thayer, at Farrington, Belmont Co., Ohio, between the "Gale" and Oliver Chilled Plows, the Gale represented by ourselves, and the Oliver, by Hoge & Co., of this place, the Gale gained a unanimous decision of the Committee, and three Gale Plows were sold on the ground. Below we give the Draft as shown by the Dynometer, both with Jointers.

Gale No. 18, average to 100 cubic inches.....438 43-100
Oliver No. 41, average to 100 cubic inches.....656 56-100

Gale turned 100 cubic inches of ground with 181 95-100 lbs. less draft than was required by the Oliver to do the same work. There were many farmers went there thinking there was no better plow than the "Oliver," who expressed themselves as fully convinced before the trial was over, that the **Gale was far Ahead.** Our Rod Beam No. A3, was especially admired; we were told on the ground by men who own "Olivers" and who heretofore had been strong Oliver men, that they had no idea that a plow could be made **to run as nice** and do **as good work as it did.** Yours Very Truly,

COVER, LUKE & CO.

*New Richmond, Crawford County, Pa.*

Plow trial held on the farm of Wm. Morse, New Richmond, Crawford Co., Pa. The following is the draft for 100 cubic inches of earth turned in sod:

Gale Chilled, No. 16, with Jointer.....337½ lbs.
Oliver Chilled, No. 40, with Jointer.....417½ lbs.
Remington Steel, No. 40, with Coulter.....487½ lbs.
Gale Chilled Plow, No. 16, with Jointer.....231 lbs.

The following scale of points were unanimously given to the Gale Chilled, No. 16: 1st, quality of work in sod and stubble. 2nd, best plow for all use, for two or three horses. 3d, ease of handling. 4th, best method of attaching Coulter and Jointer. 5th, lightness of DRAFT.

We, the undersigned Judges of the above plow contest, wish to state, for the benefit of Crawford county farmers we consider the Gale Chilled Plows, for general use plows, turns sod or stubble perfectly well with only one mold board.

Signed, I. H. JARVES, CHAS. BURGESS, I. RICHERSON, I. V. DECKER,

*Granger in the Practical Farmer, May 17th, says:*—Have tried the Oliver & Gale Plows, and think that for all kinds of plowing the Gale is the superior Plow.

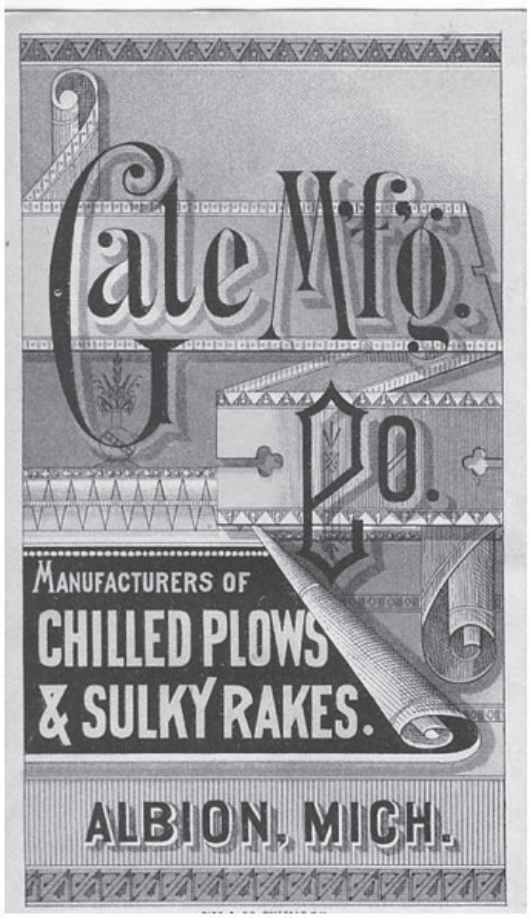
***For Circulars, prices and terms, address J. H. Parkins, Traveling Agent at Staunton, Va., or of the Gale Manufacturing Co., Albion, Mich.***

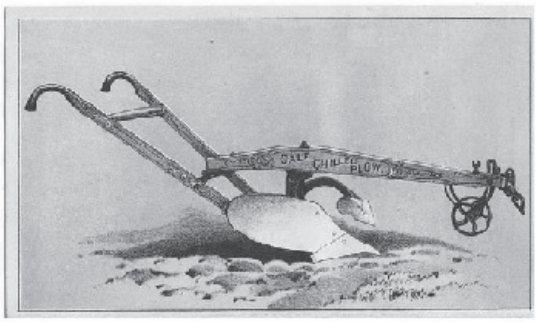
Fuld MI-527B-1a, 19 mm, copper.

Obv.: A. & H. GALE / MANFRS / OF / AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS / JONESVILLE, M.
Rev.: A. GLEASON MANF'R. HILLSDALE, MICH. / 1863

*(Heritage Auctions)*

The *History of Calhoun County* describes the enterprise of the Gales while they were in Jonesville as a "moulding business."[6] A Civil War store card issued shortly after they earned their first medal from the Michigan State Agricultural Society provides a better description as A. & H. GALE MANFRS OF AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.




**Advertising broadside, c. 1880.**

6 *History of Calhoun County*, pp. 447-450.

58 mm, 69.1 g., silver.

TO O.C. GALE & CO.
FOR DIGGING MACHINE
AT THE 18th ANNUAL
MEETING 1866

*Obverse cud at 10:00*

58 mm, 79.2 g., silver.

TO O.C. GALE & CO.
FOR CULTIVATING MACHINE
AT THE 21st
MEETING 1869

58 mm, 79.2 g., silver.

TO O. CHAS. GALE & CO.
FOR BEST 3 HORSE CLEVIS
AT THE 23rd ANNUAL
MEETING 1871

58 mm, 79.3 g., silver.

TO O. CHAS. GALE & CO.
FOR DYNAMOMETER
AT THE 23rd ANNUAL
MEETING 1871

*Obverse cud at 8:00 & 10:00*

58 mm, 76.6 g., silver.

TO GALE MANF CO.
FOR CLOD CRUSHER
AT THE 24th ANNUAL
MEETING 1872

*Obverse cud at 8:00 & 10:00*

58 mm, 77.8 g., silver.

TO GALE MANF'G CO.
FOR BEST CHILLED IRON
FOR PLOWS
AT THE 27th ANNUAL
MEETING 1875

58 mm, 80.6 g., silver.

TO GALE MANUFT CO.
FOR CHILLED IRON
FOR PLOW CASTINGS
AT THE 28th ANNUAL
MEETING 1876

*Obverse cud at 8:00 & 10:00*

58 mm, 79.9 g., silver.

TO GALE MANUFT CO.
FOR PLOW FOR MARSHLAND
AT THE 28th ANNUAL
MEETING 1876

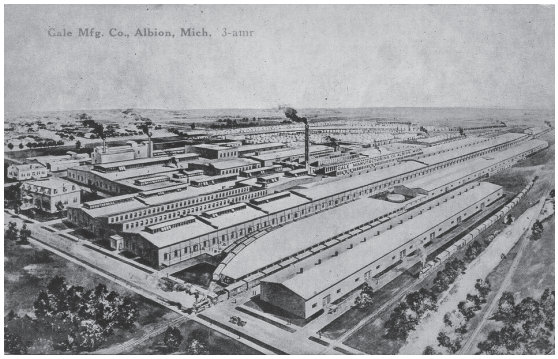
*Obverse cud at 8:00 & 10:00*

The stated purpose of the Michigan State Agricultural Society, was "[t]o encourage…the skillful tillage of the soil; …so that a successful inventor, will carry a diploma awarded by the agricultural committee, as valued evidence of the genuineness of his invention; …and so that in the improvements of the methods by which machinery is successfully applied to the salvation of human muscle, Michigan is no whit behind her sister states."[7]

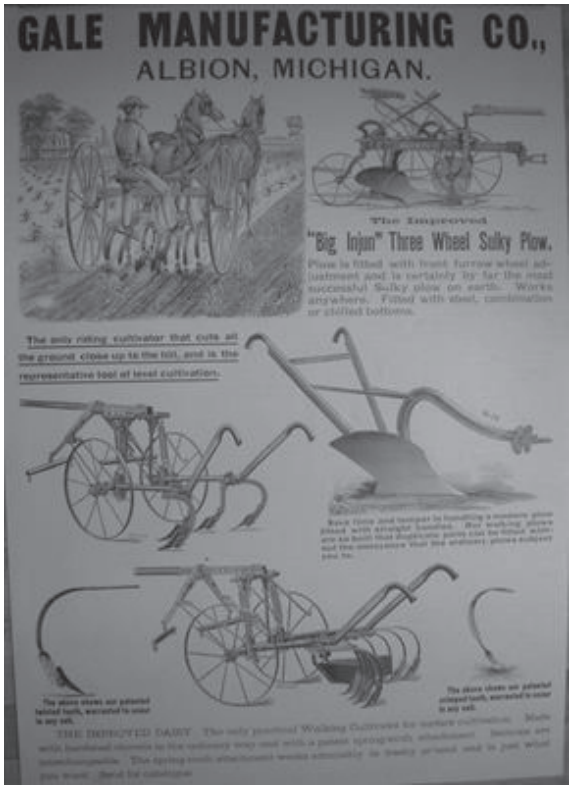
Robert Lindesmith in his article, "Medals of US Agricultural Associations, Institutes and Societies," from the February 1969 *TAMS Journal*, states that "a study of the medals and their relation to the history of US Agriculture, could represent a rewarding experience."[8] 13 The survey of agricultural implements engraved on this collection of medals provides an excellent opportunity to appreciate Lindesmith's perspective.

By 1866 Augustus and Horatio had moved from to Albion some 20 miles north of Jonesville where they partnered with their older brother Orlando to form the O. C. Gale and Company. In the summer of 1866, they traveled to the Michigan State Agricultural Society Annual Meeting (the State Fair) held in Detroit with what they called a "Digging Machine." No image or description of this machine is known. We can only imagine the pullies, levers, and gears that undoubtedly comprised the contraption which the society considered worthy of the medal included in this collection. Note that this medal contains an obverse cud at 10:00. This same cud will re-appear and grow on other medals. Julian writes that there are several letters as early as the 1860s and 1870s that note the poor condition of the dies. The poor condition of the dies resulted in rim cuds, as seen on this and later medals.

In 1869 O. C. Gale and Company was awarded a medal for their cultivating machine. Perhaps it was similar to that displayed in the Gale Manufacturing Co. advertisement issued in the era before steam power was utilized for plows and cultivators.




**Postcard, c. 1910.**



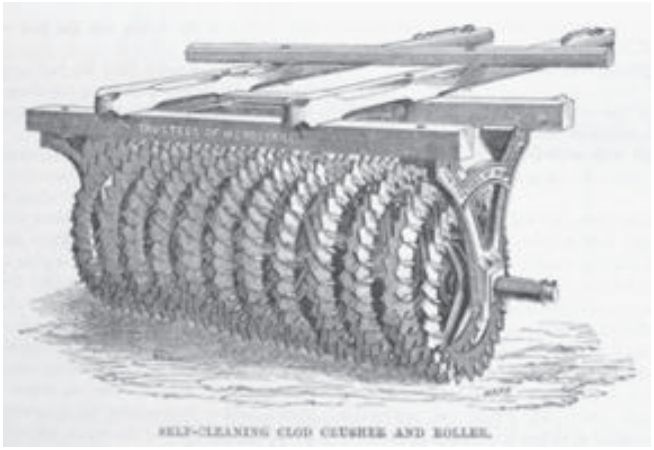

When teams of horses were required to pull agricultural implements, it was important that the force of the animals was evenly applied to a plow so to prevent side draft. This function was accomplished by a three-horse clevis. One of these devices brought to the fair by the Gales in 1871 earned them the medallion awarded by the Society.

The successful manufacture of agricultural implements requires science, and the successful application of science requires measurement. For example, an efficient plow requires a material and design which minimizes friction from contact with soil and rock. A well-designed plow is one that requires less force to cut through the soil. The measurement of this force was made by a dynamometer. An example of this use was the 1879 plowing competition between the Oliver and Gale plows earlier described. As a manufacture of plows, O. C. Gale and Company would have surely wanted their own dynamometer for testing purposes. To that end, Gale produced one which was awarded a medal at the 1871 meeting.

The Gale Manufacturing Company was not officially incorporated until 1873. However, the medal awarded by the Michigan State Agricultural Society in 1872 documents that the Albion, Michigan business was using its new company name in the summer of 1872 when they were awarded the medal in this collection for a clod crusher. A clod crusher is used after plowing to break up clods before seeding. The Gale implement was like the image below published in the International Exhibition of London 1862 Illustrated Catalogue.

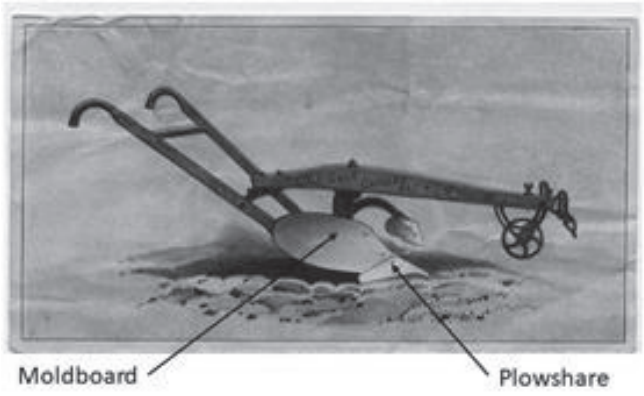
7 Welch, J. L., *The State Agricultural Society: Its Means and Ends*, pp. 39-42.

8 Lindesmith, Robert J., "Medals of US Agricultural Associations, Institutes and Societies," in *TAMS Journal* Vol. 9, No. 1 (February 1969), p. 2.




*(Wikimedia Commons)*

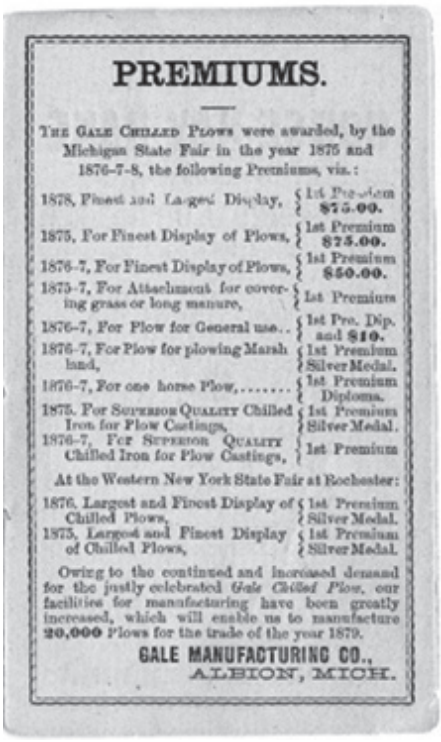
A plow consists of a plowshare that does the cutting and above it a curved moldboard that lifts and turns the sod. These components were typically made from cast iron, which dirt adhered to resulting in farmers having to frequently stop to clean them. In 1857, James Oliver received a patent for "An Improvement in Chilling Plowshares." A chill is a mold that cools liquefied metal rapidly, making the surface of the metal harder, requiring less stoppage for unclogging soil from it. A process similar to Oliver's was developed by the Gale Manufacturing Company who was recognized in 1875 with a medal for "Best Chilled Iron for Plows," and then in 1876 with another for "Chilled Iron for Plow Castings."




Plow illustrated in the 1879 Gale catalog.

U.S Surveyor General Edward Tiffin visited the Michigan Territory in 1815 and reported on November 30, 1816 that "there would not be more than one acre out of a hundred if there would be one out of a thousand would … admit of cultivation." "It was unsafe," Tiffin continued, "for men or pack mules, the ground sinking at every step and shaking for several feet around, having indications of being over a vast underground lake covered by a thin crust through which a man or mule might easily break and be lost."[9] History would prove that Michigan was more suitable to agriculture than was described by Tiffin. Nevertheless, there was much land requiring conversion from marsh. The September 1846 edition of *Michigan Farmer* reports that "A new invention has made its appearance, designed for smoothing the surface of marsh meadows. The instrument is in the shape of a harrow … (which) shave(s) off the tops of bogs with great ease, bringing the surface of the roughest marsh to a level."[10] This technology continued to be perfected in the following years. The Gale Manufacturing Company was rewarded with a second medal at the 1876 meeting for their "Plow for Marshland."

The Gale Manufacturing Company was growing rapidly as these medals were garnered. The History of Calhoun County reports that in 1876, "seven thousand plows (a 10-fold increase from the 700 made in 1873) and twelve hundred rakes were made. The number of men on the pay-roll in 1877 – a year of great depression in manufacture generally – is eighty-nine. Eight thousand five hundred pounds of iron are melted daily."[11] They had come a long way from their origins 30 years prior when Orlando Charles drove to Mishawaka in a horse carriage to obtain pig iron. In its 1879 *Descriptive Circular*, the company promised to manufacture 20,000 plows. This circular also touted success at the Michigan State Fair, citing the medals won among the list of premiums received for their manufacturing excellence. Also noted in the circular are medals won at the Western New York State Fair of Rochester, one of which is the tenth medal in this collection.



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| 1875-7, For Attachment for covering grass or long manure, | 1st Premium |
| 1876-7, For Plow for General use.. | 1st Pre. Dip. and $10. |
| 1876-7, For Plow for plowing Marsh land, | 1st Premium Silver Medal. |
| 1876-7, For one horse Plow,..... | 1st Premium Diploma. |
| 1875. For SUPERIOR QUALITY Chilled Iron for Plow Castings, | 1st Premium Silver Medal. |
| 1876-7, For SUPERIOR QUALITY Chilled Iron for Plow Castings, | 1st Premium |

At the Western New York State Fair at Rochester:

| | |
|---|---|
| 1876, Largest and Finest Display of Chilled Plows, | 1st Premium Silver Medal. |
| 1875, Largest and Finest Display of Chilled Plows, | 1st Premium Silver Medal. |

Owing to the continued and increased demand for the justly celebrated *Gale Chilled Plow*, our facilities for manufacturing have been greatly increased, which will enable us to manufacture **20,000** Plows for the trade of the year 1879.

GALE MANUFACTURING CO.,
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9 Fuller, George, *Historic Michigan: Land of the Great Lakes*, p. 235.

10 *Michigan Farmer*, Vol. IV, No. 6, p. 1.

11 *History of Calhoun County*, pp. 106.

The company prospered for many years afterward. Shortly after World War I, they transitioned from agricultural implements to the production of automotive gray iron castings. By 1968, components made from heavy iron were replaced by lighter materials. The Gale Manufacturing Company, unable to afford required pollution control modifications, closed.

Harkness # NY 551 51 mm, 44.6 g. silver
Dies by Henry Mitchell
Obv: WESTERN NEW YORK FAIR OF ROCHESTER
Rev AWARDED TO/ GAIL MFG. Co./ 1st PREMIUM/ FOR EXHIBITION OF/ PLOWS

This hoard of medals remains intact as a testament to brothers who were at the forefront of the manufacture of nineteenth century agricultural implements. In the years since discovering them, I have regularly searched dealers' inventories and auctions for others struck from the same Wright dies for the Michigan State Agricultural Society. On three different occasions I have come across a single medal. The engraving on each provides a snapshot into the historical context in which it was awarded. By comparison, a series of nine medals is analogous to a motion picture of that history. From that perspective, I wouldn't trade this collection for all of the Large Cents in the Randall Hoard.

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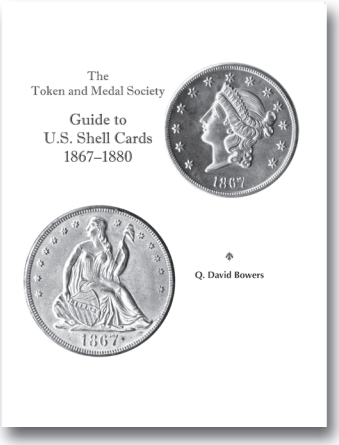


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# A FISHY STORY

**David E. Schenkman**

Like most collectors, I have a box of "mystery" tokens I've acquired over the years. Some of them were in collections I've purchased over the years, while I bought others just because I found them intriguing. The illustrated token falls into the latter category. Struck in aluminum, the inscription on the obverse of the 25mm piece is I HAVE SEEN / THE HUMAN / FISH / 1903. A man standing and wearing a diver's suit is depicted on the reverse.

As I quickly realized when I finally got around to researching the token, the human fish never really became a household name. The first reference to him was in late 1903. An article in the December 8, 1903 *Boston Post* concerning the events at Walker's Museum announced that "The great Fielding, the human fish, is an aquatic wonder and presents a marvellous (sic) performance under water, in a massive glass tank, eating, drinking, smoking and performing acrobatic feats."

The only mention of Fielding (his first name is never mentioned) was a year later in California, when he headlined an article in the December 28, 1904 *Santa Cruz Sentinel*. The newspaper reported that at the Unique Theatre, "a remarkably clever act was given by the clever diver. He eats, drinks, and smokes under the water, besides lots of other things."

AN AQUATIC WONDER
The Great Fielding
THE HUMAN FISH
Amazing Amphibian Artist in His Colossal Crystal Tank

After that I found nothing, and I was starting to think that Fielding was just a flash in the pan…. or tank. However, he popped up in 1914, and not in a positive way. The June 8, 1909 *Jasper Weekly Courier* in Indiana reported that "The Human Fish Swam Away." He had been arrested in Ottumwa, Iowa, after he had reportedly purchased a large steel in partnership with a show promoter for sixty dollars. Fielding had never paid for his share of the tank, and had skipped town with it. There was no follow-up article giving the resolution of the matter.

The next mention I found was in October 1914, when it was announced that The Fieldings, the Human Fish" (note the plural of his surname) would be performing at the Princess Theatre in Brattleboro, Vermont. After that, nothing. It would be interesting to know what happened to Fielding, but at least we have a numismatic reminder in the form of a small aluminum token.

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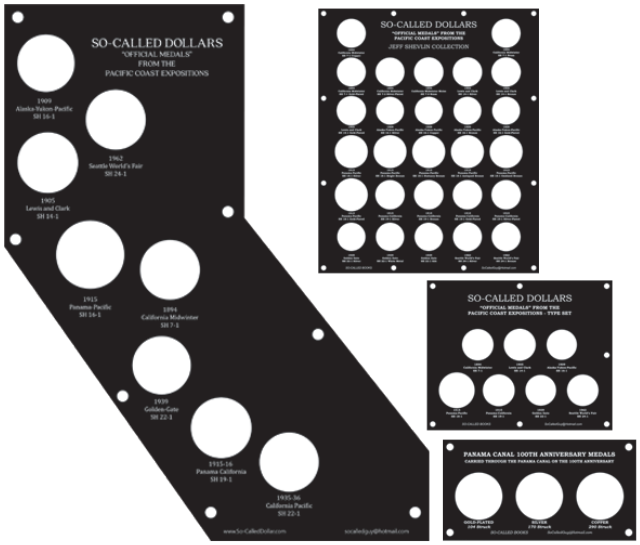


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# MAVERICKS

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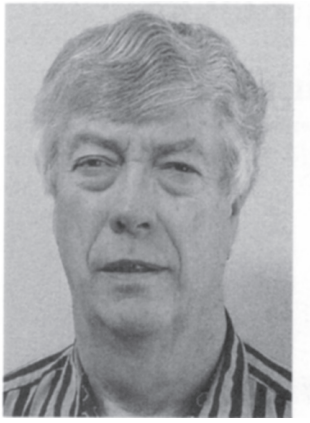


The Library of Congress has a lot of stuff. And not all of it is sequestered in Washington, DC; some of it has found its way onto the Internet. The collection includes many valuable research items, including their extensive online and searchable newspaper collection, Chronicling America, and the Sanborn fire insurance maps. I was recently made aware of another great resource there, the Telephone Directory collection. This collection is not keyword searchable, only "browsable", and its coverage is currently limited to Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Iowa, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and the city of Chicago. I have been told, but have not tried, that directories may be downloaded as a .pdf file and, with appropriate software, they may be searchable.

The 1935 Chicago Yellow Pages has 8 pages of taverns listed by name, and each of the 2000+ listings has the address and telephone number. This directory alone should be able to confirm many suspected Chicago maverick attributions.

On a somewhat unrelated topic, the 2020 Census will be held this year with information collected being effective the first of April. This Constitutionally-mandated count happens every decade and provides information needed to apportion members of Congress and Federal funding. The fairly limited amount of personal information gathered during the enumeration will not be publicly available until 2092, so there should be few privacy concerns. Historians value the information gathered over the years and grieve the fact that most of the 1890 Census was destroyed by fire. Many mavericks have been attributed using Census information, and information from them has been used to fill out the stories of the tokens we study and collect. Please do your part and encourage others to be counted this year.

## MAVERICK ATTRIBUTIONS

381: JOHN MCCOLEMAN, Sisseton, SD
Attributed by: John Mutch
References: 1900-1910 Censuses (John McColeman - Barber), 6 May 1910 *The Sisseton Weekly Standard*, Sisseton, SD (John McColeman has sold his residence and closed up his barber shop and billiard hall and shipped the tables and chairs to Tagus, ND where he recently traded for property. He will move his family at once.)

921 & 11592, JACK CROPPER, Portsmouth, OH
Attributed by: John Byars, Larry Laevens
References: 9 Jan 1892 *Portsmouth Daily Times*, Portsmouth, OH ad (Turf Exchange - Jack Cropper - West side of Market Street, North of Third), 16 Jan 1892 (Cropper's saloon on Market street was burned out 10 Jan.), 1908 Portsmouth, OH City Directory (Jackson Cropper - Saloon - 182 E. 11th)

1925: HUNGRY'S TAVERN, Spokane, WA
Attributed by: Paul Leafgreen, Richard Greever
References: 23 Oct 1939 *The Spokesman-Review*, Spokane, WA (Hungry's Tavern - E3109 Sprague - James Waldref), 6 Jun 1943 (City health and sanitation department inspected Hungry's Tavern)

2984: LIBERTY HOTEL / PITTSBURG, Pittsburg, CA
Attributed by: Rodger Hisken
References: 6 Oct 2006 *The Press*, Brentwood, CA (The Liberty Hotel was built in 1922 on the corner of East Third and Cumberland streets in downtown Pittsburgh.), 5 Mar 1931 *Oakland Tribune*, Oakland, CA (John Allassia(sic), Pittsburg hotel proprietor, came to Pittsburg in 1919 and engaged in the restaurant business, later building the Liberty hotel which he operated until his death.), Sep 1927 CA Bradstreet Directory (John Allasia - Hotel & Restaurant)

3038: ERVIN / CAFE / DALLMANN, Delhi, MN
Attributed by: Hank Thoele, Luke Johnson
Reference: 1940 census (Ervin Dallman - Restaurant)

5803: BELVADERE, Heppner, OR
Attributed by: Larry Laevens, Richard Greever
References: 15 May 1896 *Heppner Gazette*, Heppner, OR ad (Belvadere Saloon), 11 Jun 1896 *The Lebanon Express*, Lebanon, OR (Quotes *Heppner Gazette* about a fight at the Belvadere Saloon)

7846: JACHETTI'S PLACE, Trenton, NJ
Attributed by: Greg Cole
References: 1900 Trenton, NJ City Directory (Peter Jachetti - Saloon - 700 Roebling), 13 Jul 1908 *Trenton Evening Times* (Peter Jachetti, saloon keeper of 700 Roebling Avenue died 13 Jul after a short illness.)

9248: FIRST & GRAY CAFE, Louisville, KY
Attributed by: Larry Laevens
References: 1 Jun 1938 *The Courier-Journal*, Louisville, KY (John Weiner, doing business as First and Gray Cafe, 632 S. 1st St., will apply for a retail liquor license.), 24 Aug 1950 (Internal Revenue Service seized and will sell at auction bar, poker table, chairs, fixtures, beer, liquor, tobacco, etc. from John Weiner at First and Gray Cafe, 632 South First Street, for nonpayment of taxes.), 20 Oct 1958 (Fire destroyed the interior of three second-floor apartments and damaged the First & Gray Cafe beneath them. Robert P. Clark, operator of the cafe and owner of the brick building said the apartments were those of waitresses in the cafe.), 24 Apr 1961 (Robert Clark, operator of the First and Gray Cafe, is president of the Louisville Tavern Operators Association.)

10604: H. G. WHITE / 301 OAKLEY, Evansville, IN
Attributed by: John Byars
References: 1904-12 Evansville, IN City Directories (Herbert G. White - Grocery & Saloon - 301 Oakley)

10793: VAUGHNS RECREATION CENTER, Verona, ND
Attributed by: James Lee
Reference: Foss' ND Book

11302: CHEROKEE BARBER SHOP / 2792 KIMBALL AT LAMAR, Memphis, TN
Attributed by: John Byars
References: Google Maps show 2792 Kimball Avenue and 2782 Lamar Avenue are both in a strip mall at the intersection of Kimball and Lamar Avenues in Memphis, TN, 1959 Memphis, TN City Directory (Cherokee Beauty Salon - Mrs. Irene Cox & Harvey Harrison - 2782 Lamar av)

12605: F. & L. LAVEZZOLI / CHESTER, Chester, CT
Attributed by: John Mutch, Manuel Ayala, John Byars
References: 1920 Census (Frank & Louis Lavezzoli), Ayala's CT Book, 1922 New England Business Directory (Frank Lavezzoli - Butcher)

12924: DIXIE GARDEN / 326 W. 10TH ST., Newport, KY
Attributed by: Richard Greever
Reference: Self-identified token

14575: J. POPAJOHN, Hannibal, MO
Attributed by: John Mutch
Reference: 1920 Census (John Popajohn - Owner-Billiard Parlor & Cigar)

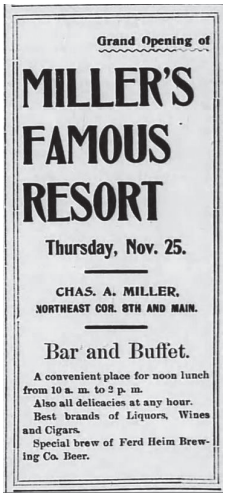
14754: DR. O. ELLISON, Ironton, OH
Attributed by: Miles Patton
References: 1900 OH Dun Directory (Drugs & Confections), 1900 Census (Owen Ellison - Druggist), 1906 Ironton, OH City Directory (Owen Ellison - Physician & Surgeon - 50 S. Second)

14827: C. MCNAMEE, Cleveland, OH
Attributed by: Larry Laevens, John Byars
References: 1897-99 Cleveland, OH City Directories (Charles McNamee - Saloon - 845 Bolton av)

15182: TINY HOLMES' SMOKE SHOP, San Francisco, CA
Attributed by: Paul Leafgreen
References: Whiskey Flask (Tiny Holmes Smoke Shop - S. E. Cor. Fillmore & Sutter Sts. - San Francisco - 1 Jan 1908), 1908-09 San Francisco, CA City Directories (Sargent E. Holmes - Cigars - 1758 Fillmore), 9 Sep 1909 *San Francisco Call* (Police arrest cigar dealer Tiny Holmes of Sutter and Fillmore Streets on gambling charges.)

15586: OTTO LIEB, Belleville, IL
Attributed by: Luke Johnson
References: 1946-59 Belleville, IL City Directories (Lieb Tavern - Otto F. Lieb - 914 N. Charles)

15772: MILLER'S FAMOUS RESORT. / N. E. COR. 8TH & MAIN ST., Kansas City, MO
Attributed by: Luke Johnson, John Byars
References: 23 Nov 1897 *The Kansas City Journal*, Kansas City, MO ad (Grand opening of Miller's Famous Resort - Chas. A. Miller - Northeast cor. 8th & Main), www.pre-pro.com (Shot glass Miller's - 8th and Main - Kansas City, MO.), 15 Jan 1903 *The Mixer and Server* (The bartender's union made Miller's Famous Resort a union house from bottom to top.)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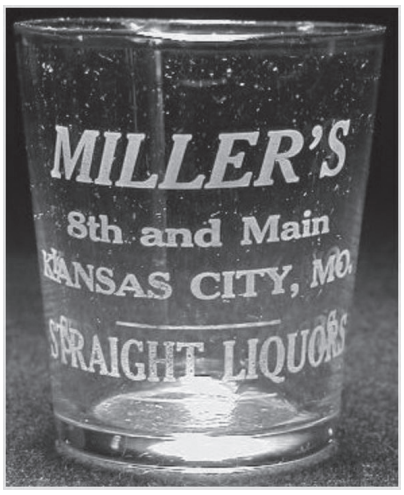

15777: S. N. / 1300 S. 4TH ST., Leavenworth, KS
Attributed by: John Mutch
References: 1891-1915 Leavenworth, KS City Directories (Stephen Naeher - Groceries - 1300 S. 4th), 18 Apr - 18 May 1900 - *The Evening Standard*, Leavenworth, KS ads (Stephen Naeher - Groceries - 1300 S. 4th St.), 13 Dec 1907 *The Topeka State Journal*, Topeka, KS (The Kansas Assistant Attorney General came to Leavenworth from Topeka and presented the sheriff with search and seizure warrants against eight liquor law violators including Stephen Naeher, whose place at Fourth and Elm was locked up by the sheriff.)

15782: HEMWALL THAT'S ALL / AT VIKING TEMPLE BUFFET, Chicago, IL
Attributed by: Luke Johnson
References: 1915 Chicago, IL City Directory (Alfred H. Hemwall - Saloon - 3257 Sheffield av), 1910 Photo postcard (Viking Temple Buffet - Sheffield Ave. & School St.), 1929 Dance Ticket (Viking Temple - 3257 Sheffield Ave.)

15783: J. H. MAHNKEN / 7217 E. 15, ST., Kansas City, MO
Attributed by: Bruce Smith, Richard Greever
References: WWI Draft Registration (John Henry Mahnken - Saloon Keeper - 7217 E. 15th, Kansas City, MO), 1918 Kansas City, MO City Directory (Saloon), 1919 (Soft Drinks), 1924-29 (Drugs)

15784: A. MARTESZUS, East St. Louis, IL
Attributed by: John Mutch
Reference: 1910 Census (Andrew Marteszus - Retail Wines & Liquors)

16235: BAY'S SALOON, Leavenworth, KS
Attributed by: John Mutch
References: 1900 Leavenworth, KS City Directory (Wm Bay - Refreshments - 523 Cherokee), 1902 (East side of 4th, 1st door south of Limit), 1900 Census (William Bay - Saloon Keeper), 23 Jun 1898 *The Leavenworth Times* (Bay's saloon on Third street), 14 Aug 1900 (William Bay's saloon on Cherokee street between Fifth and Sixth), 31 Jul 1901 *Leavenworth Chronicle-Tribune* (Bay's saloon near the Black bridge on South Fourth street)

17020: HAYES SMOKE SHOP, Healdsburg, CA
Attributed by: Mike Fritz
Reference: Kappen's CA Book

17021: J. C. BUNS, Billings, MT
Attributed by: Richard Greever
Reference: 1907 Billings, MT City Directory (Julius Charles Buns - Saloon - 2622 Minn Av)

17031: DONART'S PLACE, Klamath Falls, OR
Attributed by: Mike Fritz
References: Hemphill's OR Book, 22 Oct 1926 *The Evening Herald*, Klamath Falls, OR (Donart's Place), 27 Sep 1932 ad (To my patrons and friends: N. B. Drew put a lock on the door of Donart's Place, 714 Main, which broke me. Chas. Donart)

19250: ROSSI GRILL / 369 FOREST / AMSTERDAM, Amsterdam, NY
Attributed by: John Mutch
References: 1934-35 Amsterdam, NY City Directories (Charles Rossi - Restaurant - 369 Forest av), 1943-46 (Rossi's Grill - Charles Rossi, prop. - Restaurant - 369 Forest av)

19262: CHRIS. RÜDIGER, San Francisco, CA
Attributed by: Larry Peterson, Jerry Schimmel
Reference: 1902 San Francisco, CA Telephone Directory & 1903 San Francisco, CA City Directory (Chris Rudiger - Grocer - 256 Ellis St.)

19264: ETTELBRICK & OBRIEN / LOG CABIN / 124 N. 6TH ST., Springfield, IL
Attributed by: Kevin Akin, John Byars, Larry Peterson
Reference: 1907 Springfield, IL City Directory (Ettelbrick & O'Brien - Frank X. Ettelbrick & Frank J. O'Brien - The Log Cabin - Saloon - 124 N. 6th), 16 Apr 1908 *The Decatur Herald*, Decatur, IL (Ettelbrick & O'Brien sued for having slot machine in their saloon that had been seized by police from another saloon.)

19270: A. B. COST, Jackson, MS
Attributed by: John Mutch, Larry Peterson
References: 1931-39 Jackson, MS City Directories (Alva B. (Mary) Cost - soft drinks - 386 Mayes)

19272: ROSE / 958 / MULBERRY, Kansas City, MO
Attributed by: Larry Peterson
References: 1901-17 Kansas City, MO City Directories (George W. Rose - Saloon - 958 Mulberry)

## CORRECTIONS

03038: ERVIN / CAFE / DALLMANN, not ERWIN CAFE / DALLMAN - transcription error. See attribution above.

10095: S. C. KELLER / ELK POOL ROOM - Delete attribution to Elko, NV as no reference has been found.

10604: H. G. WHITE, not H. C. WHITE - transcription error. See attribution above.

19272: ROSE, street number is 958, not ?058. See attribution above.

19278: BRIDGWATER, not Bridgewater - transcription error.

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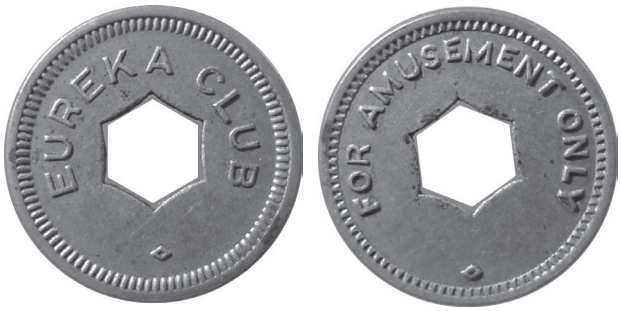
**John D. Mutch**
**7931 Crestwood Drive**
**Boise, ID 83704-3022**
**E-mail: tokens@gmail.com**

19362
F. ELL
GOOD FOR / 5¢ / IN TRADE
21mm Rd Br




19363
EUREKA CLUB
FOR AMUSEMENT ONLY
21mm Rd(Hx co) Wm

19364
ED. / EVANS / CAFE
GOOD FOR / 5¢ / IN TRADE
28X25mm Ht Al

19365
EXCHANGE / TAVERN / DAVE / SCHUSTER / MANAGER
GOOD FOR / 10¢ / IN TRADE
26mm Rd Br

19366
C. FAHRION / 1 / IN TRADE (All Inc)
Blank
19.5mm Rd Br

19367
FAIR / VALLEY / STORE / WM. KLEINERT, PROP.
GOOD FOR / 5¢ / IN TRADE
18mm Rd Al

19368
GEGENSEITIGER / U / V. A. / Mc C. F. / 1878
Plain
26mm Oc Br

19369
GESANGVEREIN / OESTERREICH
GOOD FOR / 5¢ / AT BAR
29mm S19 Al

19370
GRAND / HOTEL / PHARMACY
GOOD FOR / V¢ / IN TRADE
21mm Rd Al

19371
HACKLAND'S
2½
21mm Rd Br

19372
HALBERSTADT'S / TAVERN
GOOD FOR / ¢5¢ / IN TRADE
19.5mm Rd Al

19373
I. SLOV. SOC. SEKCIA
5¢
24mm Rd Al

19374
GUST JOHNSON / POOL ROOM
GOOD FOR / 5¢ / IN TRADE
25mm Rd Br

19375
A. KUGLITSCH / POOL / ROOM
GOOD FOR / 5¢ / AT BAR
24mm Rd Br

19376
LALEMAN'S / TAVERN
GOOD FOR / 10¢ / IN MERCHANDISE
22mm Rd Al

19377
LECHNER'S / TAVERN
GOOD FOR / 5¢ / IN TRADE
20mm Rd Al

19378
LEROY / JEWELERS / 324 / SO. STATE
Plain
20.5mm Rd Al

19379
MAD ADVERTISING LIMITED / 298-5666 / GEOFFREY MILLER
IN TRADE / 50C
32mm Rd Br

19380
MARZANO'S / RENTAL / SHOES
15
28mm S8 Br

19381
MMAENNERCHOR / EDELWEISS / CLUB
GOOD FOR / 5¢ / CLUB
24.5mm Rd Br

19382
MAC MCCARTHY
GOOD FOR / AMUSEMENT / ONLY
21mm Rd Br

19383
GOOD FOR / 5¢ / JAMES / MONAHAN / IN / TRADE
BBC Co. Logo (BBC-9a)
24.5mm Rd Br

19384
MERRILL / & / MOSS / SMOKE SHOP
GOOD FOR / 5¢ / IN TRADE
20mm Rd Al

19385
NYAL / M. C.
GOOD FOR / 5¢ / IN TRADE
19.5mm Rd Al

19386
OLYMPIA SWEET SHOP / DENVERS / & / LEONARD
GOOD FOR / 10¢ / IN / MERCHANDISE
24.5mm Rd Al

19387
GOOD FOR / 5¢ / ONE ONLY / ON PURCHASE OF A / PENN ZOIL KEY / RING
Plain
22mm Rd Al

19388
ALABAMA AND / P. N. C. / LAKE AVES.
GOOD FOR / 20¢ / IN MERCHANDISE
25mm Sq Al

19389
PECK & WOODMAN
GOOD FOR 5¢ IN TRADE
21mm Rd(6-pt St co) Br

19390
PENNANT TAVERN / NO. / (Inc Number) / 2400 / W. STATE ST. / GOOD EVERY NIGHT
GOOD LUCK TOKEN / GOOD EVERY NIGHT
31mm Rd Al

19391
PREGRAD'S / SANDY / BEACH
GOOD FOR / 5¢ / IN TRADE
20mm Rd Br

19392
PRODNIK / 379 / FIRST AVE.
GOOD FOR / 5¢ / AT BAR
23.5mm Rd Br

19393
REGENT SUPPLY CO. / TREATS YOU ON THE /
(Square) / ALL THE YEAR / (Round)
GOOD FOR / 5¢ / IN TRADE
25mm Rd Br

19394
RIVERDALE / PLEASURE / CLUB
5 (within circle of stars and dots)
24mm Rd Al

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David E. Schenkman is compiling listings for a catalog of round cardboard tokens issued during the Civil War. To make this as complete as possible, readers owning any of these tokens are urged to send exact descriptions or scans to him. The catalog will be published in a future issue of The Civil War Token Journal.

Correspondence should be sent to David E. Schenkman, PO Box 2866, La Plata, MD 20646, or emailed to dschenkman@verizon.net.

# TAMS SECRETARY'S REPORT

**New Members**

| Mem# | Name | State | Collects | Sponsor |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8724 | Janecke, Tim | FL | Colonial & Early American coins | Q David Bowers |
| 8725 | Lee,Christian | CA | Civil War Tokens of select merchants, historical Tokens CA & Hawaii | |
| 8728 | Rogers, Clarke | IN | Presidential Inaugeration Medals | |
| 8727 | Shofner, John | TX | CWT's, merchant tokens from Southwest US, So-Called Dollars | |
| 8726 | Straker, Bob | IA | Iowa Good For, medals and woods | |

**Address Changes**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 2241 | Hornbeck, Lea | WA |
| 8677 | Hyde, Kurt | TX |
| 7642 | Miles, Herbert | CA |
| 8672 | Narasaki, Robert A | CA |
| 3387 | Patterson, Gary | TX |
| 8485 | Reed, Walter | SD |
| LM 160 | Ruby, Greg | MD |
| 4781 | Tramte,Michael A | WI |

**Deceased**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 5356 | Galst, Jay | NY |
| 7806 | Lein, Erwin | NY |
| 8416 | Michaelson, Fred | MD |
| 8691 | Thomas, C. Stetson | MA |
| 8524 | Seelye, David E. | AZ |
| 1395 | Williams, R.L. | MI |

**Resigned**

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|---|---|---|
| 6921 | Bilek, Richard M | IL |
| 8402 | Wunderlich, Howard | NY |

**Submitted by**
**Donna Moon**
4/18/2020

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| 8698 | Alexander, David | 2594 | Farrell, Jim | 8363 | Niemi, Donovan |
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| 8438 | Bobjak,Bohdan | 8673 | Hall, Jerry | 8652 | Owens, Janet M. |
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| 8575 | Byrnes, Philip | 8469 | LaVerghetta, Anthony C | 2876 | Rosenblum, William M. |
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| 8648 | Corey, W Thomas | 6613 | Mahan, Edward | 8433 | Shirkey, Alan R. |
| z701 | Corio, Timothy J | 7724 | Manske, Lee | 8659 | Sicilino,Arthur |
| 8658 | Crist, John R | 2968 | Mayer, Werner G. | 8682 | Smith, Bruce |
| 8690 | Danford, Jeff | 8065 | McCarroll, Patrick | 2512 | Steinberg, Stan |
| 3735 | Dethridge, Kaye | 8424 | Mercer, Thomas | 8634 | Thomas, Christopher |
| 8694 | Donaldson, Chris | 8499 | Moran, Michael | 8700 | Westcott, Mark |
| 6187 | Dunbar, William J. | 8661 | Mote, Ken | | |
| 8593 | Erbes, David | 8704 | Nelson, Don | | |

# From the President

**By Ernie Nagy**

As I write this message, we seem to be starting to recover from the Covid-19 crisis. Here in Michigan, as in much of the world, all but essential businesses were closed for two months. From a numismatic perspective, most late Winter Spring and even Summer Coin shows and local coin club meetings have been cancelled. With all the closures, some say they are bored. But it strikes me that a benefit of being passionate about a hobby, is that there is always an endeavor to tackle. Collections can be organized and cataloged, tokens and medals can be researched, and articles written. As in any major world event, there is sure to be numismatic evidence by way of mintage volumes and medallic issues which will be studied in the future. I am optimistic that when you read this, we will be well on our way to recovery. We will look back at this period and learn from it.

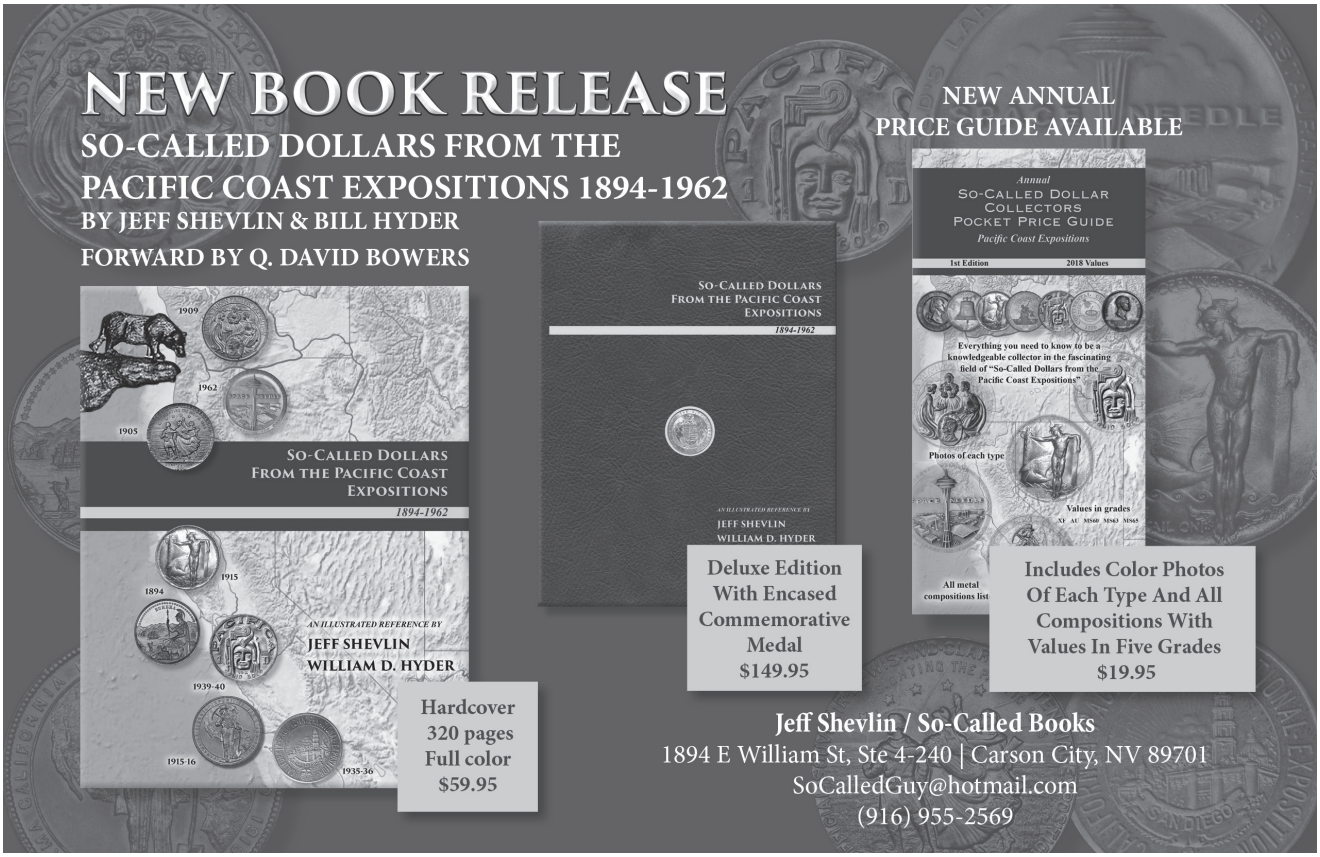
The Token and Medal Society Board of Governors has decided to make the TAMS General Member Meeting available to all TAMS members using a Zoom Conference. The 2020 TAMS banquet has also been cancelled. We determined that this was necessary due to the continued uncertainties surrounding events and gatherings. We are disappointed because we will not be able to have our annual events in person this year. If something positive does come from this, maybe it will be some of you will learn what this Zoom technology is all about and join us. It is quite easy to use. We have arranged for Jeff Shevlin and Bill Hyder to speak to us during the Zoom meeting about *The Dickeson Continental Currency So-Called Dollar*. Details of the meeting including how to access the link to conference can be found elsewhere in this issue of the TAMS Journal.

I was recently contacted by Dave Schenkman regarding an offer he is extending to TAMS members. He has an archive of three books he authored which will be shipped to anyone who donates to TAMS. The three books are the *Merchant Tokens of Washington, D.C.*, *Maryland Merchant Tokens* and *Bimetallic Trade Tokens of the United States*. Details of this offer are to be found elsewhere in this issue of the TAMS Journal. I'm thinking that if asked, David might even personally inscribe these books!

I sincerely hope you and those you care about have stayed safe and well during these trying times.

Respectfully Submitted

**Ernie Nagy**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**Good Fors: Ace Smokeshop,** Jackson, MI. Send $4.00 plus SASE with 55¢ postage for each token. John Vrbancic, Box 19013, Kalamazoo, MI 49019

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**John F. Kennedy Medals** – JFK collection of medals and medalets (1" to 3"). Mostly silver, Extremely Fine or better condition. Sell individually or as collection. joeyager21@gmail.com.

**O. Paape So. St. Paul** (MN) / G/F 50 I/T. Token. Red Fibre, Oct. 29mm $2.00 + Stamp. Steven Kawalec Box 4281 Clifton, NJ 07012 Owlprowler@aol.com.

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**Historic Temperance Medal/Badge** -- Sterling medal (Thomas Halliday) presented in 1850 by Sheerness Total Abstinence Society. Elaborate cursive reverse inscription. Extremely Fine condition. 54mm, w/bezel. joeyager21@gmail.com.

**Wanted: Play coins, Toy** coins, Educational coins of all types, 1960s era or earlier. Will buy singles or lots. Original sets especially desired. Please email borooji@gmail.com with pictures.

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**Wanted: Good for** / One Meal / Bird Bros. // Manuf'd. by / C. W. Wadsworth / Springfield, O. round brass (TC-#276525 attributed to Passaic, NJ) Ja.brokamp7@gmail.com

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# The Editor's Notebook

Since I last wrote in this column, the world has come under the grip of the worst pandemic since the 1918 Influenza outbreak and life has been turned on its head. We all see what is going on in the news, so I won't spend too much time on it, but suffice it to say, the coronavirus pandemic has impacted me significantly. Thankfully, I have not contracted it (and hopefully will continue along those lines), but I have had to completely upend my normal routine. I have since moved several hundred miles away from my regular home in Northern Virginia to help my wife care for her severely immunocompromised mother, a role I have helped to take on alongside my regular day job. While I have been extremely fortunate in that my regular work is doing well under these circumstances, it has required my attention far and away more than previously. As a result, because my priorities have shifted rather dramatically, I no longer have the time nor the flexible enough schedule to turn out the *Journal* in a regular and timely fashion. Consequently, I have turned the reins over to the very capable and talented hands of Greg Burns who will no doubt help carry on the *Journal's* outstanding tradition of being one of the best numismatic publications out there. Greg carries with him a wealth of expertise in editing and will serve TAMS well. I wish him nothing but the best of success.

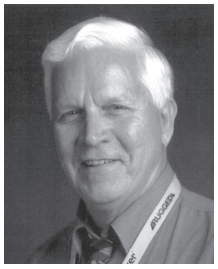
I am forever grateful to the many folks who have assisted me on the *Journal* during my tenure, especially to Bill Hyder, Dave Schenkman, and Ernie Nagy, as well as for all the layout assistance provided by Barbara Wilson. You will always have my gratitude and sincere thanks for your assistance and encouragement. I intend to contribute to the *Journal* once my schedule and circumstances allow. In the meantime, please join me in welcoming Greg as your new editor and wishing him all the success in the world.

Stay happy, healthy, and safe.

-Eric

# Fifty Years Ago in TAMS

**By Paul Cunningham**



**Fifty Years Ago in TAMS** – Curly Mitchell, TAMS President, made an interesting observation: being a Californian he noted that a number of numismatic shows were on the calendar in the western region for the spring of 1970. He named the Cal-State show and other shows like the Pacific Northwest and the Rocky Mountain States show. How times have changed! In this issue Edgar Heyl researched ***The First Magicians' Medal***. In the 16th century magic was not big, but Hieronymus Scotus stands out – he was honored with his own medal. Douglas Ferguson described his trip to South America looking for transportation tokens in ***New World Discovery Cruise – S.S. Brazil***. James Curto reported on ***The Rheaume "Eat-A-Lunch" Token***, an identified maverick from Detroit. Other articles were written by Albert Deane (***A Token Treatise on Australian Tokens***); Robert Lusch (***The Bell System's Medal for Valor***); J.W. Baum (***The Thirties Golden Years for the Exonumist***); Ray Manville (***Jubilee 300***), a commemoration of 300 years for Wallingford, Connecticut; and Arlie Slabaugh (***Denomination Tokens – A Supplement***). Last, among other smaller articles and ads, a full-page ad for sales tax tokens.

**Forty Years Ago in TAMS** – Stephen Alpert wrote in ***Three-Mile Limit***, about a chapter in western history: gambling in international waters on the Pacific Ocean. The ten-page article pictured some of the tokens (chips) that were used. President Arlie Slabaugh discussed what he called the "great silver and gold melt was on!" Joe Schmidt and George Owen shared their interests in ***Exonumia of C.D. Peacock***. Other articles were by Charles Kirtley (***North Carolina Vignette***); Edward Ganister (***Some Thoughts of the Medals of Karl Goetz***); and Ore Vacketta (***A Tower of Pride***).

**Thirty Years Ago in TAMS** – J. Toth and L. Zombori researched ***The Numismatic Relics of the Israelitic Religious Communities in Hungary*** and more than a dozen tokens are pictured. A booklet, courtesy David Bowers, from the First National Bank of Boston and dated 1913 discusses ***Token Money and Private Coinage***. ***A "Helping Hand" Token*** was used in San Diego specifically for panhandlers. An obituary for Ben Odessser highlighted his many years of service to TAMS. An Index to Volume 29 is included in this issue.

**Twenty Years Ago in TAMS** – David Ganz reported on the ***National Medal of Technology, Science Announced by President Clinton***. Peter Irion shared an extensive report on ***Library Additions***. Note that TAMS has an extensive library and Peter Irion is still the librarian. Franc Connor brought us up to date with his ***Supplement to "Pickers, Pluckers, Huskers, and Other Related Tokens of Iowa."*** Tim O'Callaghan continued with his ***Ford Motor Tokens: A Follow Up***, with pictures.

**Ten Years Ago in TAMS** – A news item describes the medals on display at Massachusetts Historical Society, with pictures. Eric Meythaler brings us ***80 Years of Football, World-Style Play***, a treatise on the un-American football game. Eight medals are included. John Riley presents ***A Well-Rooted Civic Legend***. This is a curious article about a "dairy token" which has a Glen Ellyn, Illinois doctor's name on it. Gary Ascher's ***Afghanistan War Tokens from the "Other" Post Exchanges*** shares a look into modern military tokens.

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*Articles Wanted*

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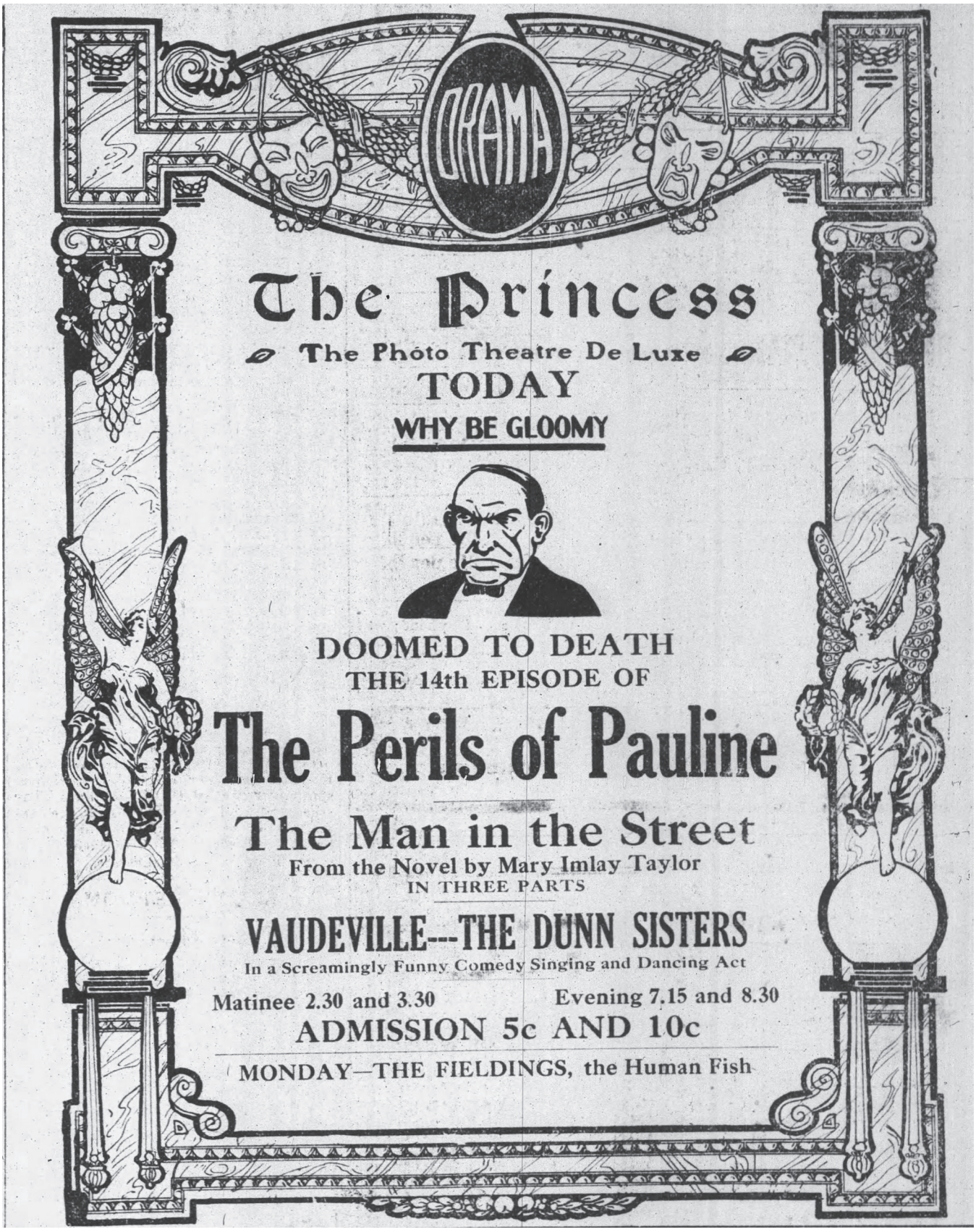


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